



King County

Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board
Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board

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**Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB)
Meeting Summary
May 21, 2009 2-4 p.m.
Beacon Hill – Seattle**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:00 pm.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Doug Hoople (Chair), Kathy Lewis, Stan Gunno, Cynthia Lefever, Francisco Ivarra.

Board Members Excused/Absent: Bill Wood, Gary Kingsbury, Robert Stephens, Jr. Oren Hadaller, Ron Forrest, Roger Welles

County Staff Present: Marcy Kubbs, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Jon Hoskins, DCHS; Theary Oeun, DCHS

Guest: None

Cynthia LeFever was welcomed as a new member of the Board.

Review of Meeting Summary

The draft March meeting summary was reviewed.

ACTION: The March meeting summary was approved as written.

Committee Reports

Strategy 1 & 5: At these committee meetings, Jon Hoskins reviewed the evaluation work plan and timeline for completion of upcoming work. He also reviewed the 2008 service and demographic data received from program managers. A total of 20,000 clients were served through levy-funded activities in 2008. In addition, Jon reviewed the data on the status of veterans in King County, part of the upcoming Veterans Services Evaluation Report.

Communications Committee: On April 30th, the committee held a Speaker's Bureau training at the Beacon Hill Library. Bill Block, Project Director for the Committee to End Homelessness, provided information to future presenters on how to present information clearly and in an engaging manner. He and members present recommended revisions to the Levy PowerPoint presentation. In addition, each presenter had an opportunity to practice presenting in front of the group and spent some time developing their own person story to use to introduce themselves to the audience. It was recommended that board members participating in the Speaker's Bureau attend some of Sadikifu's presentations on the Levy to observe her presentation approach.

The next Speaker's Bureau training will take place on June 17th from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Update on Strategy 5

Jon Hoskins, Levy Evaluator reviewed information that had been provided to the Strategy 5 committee. This included the following:

- Current Levy evaluation work plan
- 2008 aggregate service and demographic report that summarized data received on each of the levy funded services
- Overview of the status of veterans, military personnel and their families in King County that will be part of the upcoming report: Outcome Evaluation of Strategy One: Enhancing Access to Services for Veterans and Their Families.

Jon Hoskins also reviewed the status of each of the Strategy 5 activities. He shared that planning is taking place around Activity 5.8, Common Data Set. Jon Hoskins will present a procurement plan to the boards in the near future to create a common data set that will support sharing of health care information across information systems. The system would allow combining records of individuals who are high utilizers of certain systems to help coordinate treatment and make records tracking more efficient. About \$300,000 is currently in the levy plan.

Discussion

Suggestions for the next Service Improvement Plan included the following:

- Suicide prevention activity
- Secondary PTSD for family members including children

While it is difficult to obtain data on PTSD, secondary PTSD, TBI and other service related trauma such as exposure to repeated blasts, it would be helpful in planning future services.

Chair's Report:

Chair Hoople reported he attended a training at South Seattle Community College on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in the Native American Community. The presenter discussed Native American ways of treating PTSD that included using the warrior culture as part of the approach to assisting returning soldiers.

King County Staff Report: Staff provided the following information.

- Work has begun on the 1st Quarter 2009 Levy report and the 2008 Levy Annual Report. Both are due to the King County Council on June 1st.
- Members who volunteered to serve on the Advisory Committee for Strategy 3.2/3.3 will be contacted soon about a first meeting of the committee. Cynthia Lefever expressed interest in serving on that committee in light of her knowledge of PTSD issues and experience with curriculum development.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Veterans Housing Planner position is being hired in the DCHS Community Services Division Housing Unit. It was suggested that someone from the board sit-in during interviews.

It was also suggested that the locations of King County Veterans Program community outreach activities be advertised to make it easier for the veterans to access services.

Petitions/Communication (Public Comment): Cynthia Lefever reported there will be a groundbreaking for the Home for Heroes on May 29th at 10:00 am. She served on the steering committee for their capital campaign.

Meeting Adjourn at 4:00 pm.